

## REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes that the Examiner has allowed Claims 15-19.

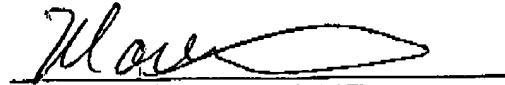
The Examiner has stated that Claims 5, 8, 11, 13, 14, and 21-24 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten such Claims as suggested by the Examiner so they are no longer dependent upon rejected claims.

In view of the above comments, all of the presently (amended and/or) pending Claims in this application are believed to be in immediate condition for allowance.

If there are any fees incurred by this Amendment Letter, please deduct them from our Deposit Account NO. 50-1887.

Respectfully submitted,

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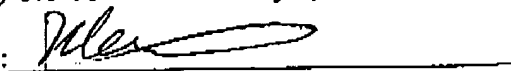
  
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